Unsatisfactory Telecommunication Services

889. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecommunication services in the country are very unsatisfactory and one gets the wrong number repeatedly and has to deal again and again;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the revenue of Telephone Department comes from subscriber getting wrong numbers;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve this essential service; and

(d) details of schemes included in the Seventh Plan period for improving the telecommunication services in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Telecommunication services in the country are generally satisfactory. Incidence of wrong calls in the telephone system is very low.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Steps taken to further improve the service are given in the part (d).

(d) To improve the telecommunication services it is proposed to replace 1.73 lakh lines of life expired equipment, convert 1.986 lakh lines of manual equipment by automatic equipment, provide 500 kms. of cable ducts to prevent damage to the cables and computerise trunk bookings/enquiries etc. in metro and major telephone districts during the 7th plan period

Short Supply of Drugs

890. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 94 drugs have since been delicensed by Government;

(b) what are the details of the drugs which are reported to be in short supply during the last three years; and

(c) what remedial measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This Ministry monitors the availability of essential medicines on a continuous basis, based on the reports received from the State Drug Controllers and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation. Analysis of these reports indicate that shortages wherever reported are generally of a localised nature and of brand products for which substitutes are readily available. Whenever, such shortages are reported the companies concerned are advised to rush supplies.

Hindusan Machine Tools

891. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools is facing closure due to tight competition in all fields of its production; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take or have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Corruption in Public Sector Undertakings

892. SHRI L. GANESAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the large scale corruption/mis-management in public sector undertakings; and if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether Government propose to weed out officials against whom

there are charges of corruption/mis management;

(c) whether Government propose to apply some general criteria in cleansing and weeding out officials of doubtful integrity/character etc.; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Complaints of corruption/mis-management in respect of public sector employees are inestigated by the competent authority and necessary disciplinary proceedings initiated according to the rules. The appropriate authorities are competent to take a decision for retention or otherwise in service of employees working in their organisations, Disciplinary action against officials and employees is taken as per the prescribed procedure of the organisation.

Waiting list for telephones in Delhi

893. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are on the waiting list for telephone connections as on the 31st October, 1985 in Delhi;

(b) what is the Exchange-wise break up of figures;

(c) what are the future expansion programmes of Delhi telephones during the Seventh Plan period; and

(d) by when it is expected to wipe the non-OYT list in Delhi as per present expansion programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 1,56,281 applicants are on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 31st October, 1985 in Delhi Telephones.

(b) The information is given in the Statement (*see below*).

(c) There are proposals to expand the capacity of existing telephone exchanges and to open new ones to progressively clear the waiting list. It is proposed to increase the capacity by 1.55 lakh lines by the end of 7th Plan, subject to availability of adequate resources.

(d) The present non-OYT waiting list is expected to be progressively cleared during the 8th Plan subject to availability of resources.

Statement

Sl. No.	Telephone Exchange	Code	W iting List (As on 31-10-85)
I.	*East Delhi :*		
1.	SHE-I	20	6,418
2.	SHD	21, 24	12,163
3.	SHE-II	86	698
4.	DG	26, 27	9,154
5.	ID	51, 52, 77	8,697
6.	GBD-II	84	1,588
7.	GBD-I	85	971